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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the registration of pharmacy technicians.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 155A.6, Code 2007, is amended to read
1 2 as follows:
1 3 155A.6 PHARMACIST INTERNSHIP PROGRAM ~~AND PHARMACY~~
~~1 4 TECHNICIAN REGISTRATION.~~
1 5 1. A program of pharmacist internships is established.
1 6 Each internship is subject to approval by the board.
1 7 2. A person desiring to be a pharmacist=intern in this
1 8 state shall apply to the board for registration. The
1 9 application must be on a form prescribed by the board. A
1 10 pharmacist=intern shall be registered during internship
1 11 training and thereafter pursuant to rules adopted by the
1 12 board.
1 13 3. The board shall establish standards for
1 14 pharmacist=intern registration and may deny, suspend, or
1 15 revoke a pharmacist=intern registration for failure to meet
1 16 the standards or for any violation of the laws of this state,
1 17 another state, or the United States relating to prescription
1 18 drugs, controlled substances, or nonprescription drugs, or for
1 19 any violation of this chapter or chapter 124, 124A, 124B, 126,
1 20 147, or 205, or any rule of the board.
1 21 4. The board shall adopt rules in accordance with chapter
1 22 17A on matters pertaining to pharmacist=intern registration
1 23 standards, registration fees, conditions of registration,
1 24 termination of registration, and approval of preceptors.
1 25 ~~5. A registration program for pharmacy technicians is~~
~~1 26 established for the purposes of identification, tracking, and~~
~~1 27 disciplinary action for the violation of federal drug laws or~~
~~1 28 regulations, state drug or pharmacy laws, or board rules by~~
~~1 29 pharmacy technicians. The registration shall not include any~~
~~1 30 determination of the competency of the registered individual~~
~~1 31 and, notwithstanding section 272C.2, subsection 1, shall not~~
~~1 32 require continuing education for renewal. The ultimate~~
~~1 33 responsibility for the actions of a pharmacy technician~~
~~1 34 working under a licensed pharmacist's supervision shall remain~~
~~1 35 with the licensed pharmacist.~~
2 1 6. A person who is or desires to be a pharmacy technician
2 2 in this state shall apply to the board for registration. The
2 3 application must be submitted on a form prescribed by the
2 4 board. A pharmacy technician must be registered pursuant to
2 5 rules adopted by the board.
2 6 7. The board may deny, suspend, or revoke a pharmacy
2 7 technician registration for any violation of the laws of this
2 8 state, another state, or the United States relating to
2 9 prescription drugs, controlled substances, or nonprescription
2 10 drugs, or for any violation of this chapter or chapter 124,
2 11 124A, 124B, 126, 147, or 205, or any rule of the board.
2 12 8. The board shall adopt rules in accordance with chapter
2 13 17A on matters pertaining to pharmacy technician registration
2 14 applications, renewals, fees, termination of registration, and
2 15 any other relevant matters.
2 16 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 155A.6A PHARMACY TECHNICIAN
2 17 REGISTRATION.
2 18 1. A registration program for pharmacy technicians is
2 19 established for the purpose of establishing technician

2 20 competency and for the purposes of identification, tracking,
2 21 and disciplinary action for the violation of federal drug laws
2 22 or regulations, state drug or pharmacy laws, or board rules.
2 23 The ultimate responsibility for the actions of a pharmacy
2 24 technician working under a licensed pharmacist's supervision
2 25 shall remain with the licensed pharmacist.

2 26 2. A person who is or desires to be a pharmacy technician
2 27 in this state shall apply to the board for registration. The
2 28 application shall be submitted on a form prescribed by the
2 29 board. A pharmacy technician must be registered pursuant to
2 30 rules adopted by the board. Except as provided in subsection
2 31 3, beginning July 1, 2010, all applicants for a new pharmacy
2 32 technician registration or for a pharmacy technician renewal
2 33 shall provide proof of current certification by a national
2 34 technician certification authority approved by the board.
2 35 Notwithstanding section 272C.2, subsection 1, a pharmacy
3 1 technician registration shall not require continuing education
3 2 for renewal.

3 3 3. Beginning July 1, 2009, a person who is in the process
3 4 of acquiring national certification as a pharmacy technician
3 5 and who is in training to become a pharmacy technician shall
3 6 register with the board as a pharmacy technician. The
3 7 registration shall be issued for a period not to exceed one
3 8 year and shall not be renewable.

3 9 4. The board shall adopt rules in accordance with chapter
3 10 17A on matters pertaining to pharmacy technician registration,
3 11 application, forms, renewals, fees, termination of
3 12 registration, national certification, training, and any other
3 13 relevant matters.

3 14 5. The board may deny, suspend, or revoke the registration
3 15 of, or otherwise discipline, a registered pharmacy technician
3 16 for any violation of the laws of this state, another state, or
3 17 the United States relating to prescription drugs, controlled
3 18 substances, or nonprescription drugs, or for any violation of
3 19 this chapter or chapter 124, 124A, 124B, 126, 147, 205, or
3 20 272C, or any rule of the board.

3 21 EXPLANATION

3 22 This bill establishes a pharmacy technician registration
3 23 program to include certification by a national certification
3 24 authority approved by the board. The board currently
3 25 registers pharmacy technicians for the purposes of
3 26 registration, tracking, and disciplinary action, without
3 27 recognition or identification of an individual's competency or
3 28 level of training. The bill rescinds provisions regarding the
3 29 current pharmacy technician registration program and
3 30 establishes a new registration program that requires
3 31 certification of all pharmacy technicians beginning July 1,
3 32 2010.

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